

REMARKS

Claim 1 was pending in this application.

Claim 1 has been rejected.

Claim 1 has been cancelled.

Claims 2-21 have been added.

Claims 2-21 are now pending in this application.

Consideration and full allowance of Claims 2-21 are respectfully requested.

I. OBJECTIONS TO SPECIFICATION

The Office Action objects to several informalities in the specification. The Applicants have amended the specification. The Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objections to the specification.

II. OBJECTIONS TO CLAIMS

The Office Action objects to several informalities in Claim 1. The Applicants have cancelled Claim 1. The Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objections to the claims.

III. DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

The Office Action rejects Claim 1 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting. The Applicants have cancelled Claim 1. The Applicants respectfully request

withdrawal of the double patenting rejection.

IV. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejects Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,942,935 to Okanobu (“*Okanobu*”). The Applicants have cancelled Claim 1. The Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the § 102 rejection.

V. NEW CLAIMS

The Applicants have added new Claims 2-21. The Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added. The Applicants respectfully request entry and full allowance of Claims 2-21.

VI. CONCLUSION

For the reasons given above, the Applicants respectfully request consideration and full allowance of all pending claims and that this application be passed to issue.

SUMMARY

If any issues arise, or if the Examiner has any suggestions for expediting allowance of this application, the Applicants respectfully invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below or at wmunck@davismunck.com.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication (including any extension of time fee) or credit any overpayment to Davis Munck Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

Respectfully submitted,

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